

Notice to potential land purchasers

If you are planning to purchase privately owned land within the boundary of Mark Twain National Forest, you need to be very careful about the following items:

If the property you plan to purchase adjoins national forest land, have the property lines surveyed, marked and recorded by a state licensed surveyor before you buy. **Know the boundaries of the land you are buying.** There have been several cases recently of houses or other buildings constructed on national forest lands. If you build on national forest land, you will have to move your structure.

Make sure the property you are buying has legal access by county or state road or across other private land. The Forest Service may not necessarily grant new private access roads over national forest land just because it is public land. If access over national forest land is in question, contact the Forest Service before you make any commitments.

If you buy and build, please be very careful with fire, particularly while burning trash or leaves. If your fire escapes and threatens nearby national forest land, making it necessary for national forest personnel to fight the fire, you will be billed for the costs, which could be very expensive.

Be "fire wise". Look into ways you can help protect your new home from wildfire; for example, install a metal roof. Landscape your yard so it is open, with few or no shrubs or trees near the house.

National forests are not like national and state parks. Mark Twain National Forest is a working forest. Timber on national forest land next to your property may be harvested. National forest lands are open to the public for a variety of uses such as hiking, camping, hunting, horseback, ATV and mountain bike riding. If you wish to deter trespassers, it is your responsibility to post your property lines.